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Drug bust

Four people have been charged following a drug bust near Lefroy, last Wednesday afternoon.

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Fire destroys century-old building

PATRICK BALES
QMI Agency

Firefighters from three fire departments spent the better part of three hours bringing a stubborn blaze under control Monday afternoon.

At approximately 4 p.m. Monday, emergency crews arrived to a seven unit apartment building at 27 John St. E. to find smoke coming from the roof. Within the hour, a heavy wind blew the thick smoke from the fire westward into downtown Bradford, causing headaches for commuters during rush hour.

"Our first in, Pumper 1011, the officer reported smoke was visible from the roof at that time," said Bradford West Gwillimbury fire chief Kevin Gallant. "When I came into Bradford, I could see smoke already blowing through."

According to witnesses on scene, the fire began in the attic of the structure, a century home converted into apartments. Flames later broke through as firefighters from Bradford and New Tecumseth fought to contain the blaze.

"Roof fires are very stubborn, especially trying to fight a fire like this," Gallant said. "It had already extended throughout the structure. There was smoke coming from all areas."

Initially, firefighters used a special foam which has properties that aid in the extinguishing of the fire to help suppress the flames, before dousing the building with water, Gallant explained.

The property had been owned by the same family for more than 70 years, reported multiple bystanders at the scene. One of the tenants had resided there for more than 40.

The owners of the property also own the home immediately west of 27 John St. E. That home, built in the 1970s, in one land subdivided from the original property. Keeping that home safe was a priority of firefighters.

"We're always worried about exposures and trying to contain the fire to the original structure," Gallant said. "We had hose lines on the west side, putting up a fog pattern to protect the exposure. We also had to deal with a roof collapse and the chimney collapsed on the west side of the property."

All occupants have been accounted for and no injuries to any of the emergency personnel on scene were reported.

Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire and Emergency Services received assistance from New Tecumseth and King Township fire departments in battling the blaze, while Innisfil Fire Services provided assistance at the Bradford Fire Hall, responding to other emergency calls while all of Bradford West Gwillimbury's trucks were on scene at John St.

Fire crews remained on scene at John St. E. Monday evening to investigate the fire and clean up. John St. was closed from Barrie St. to Nelson St. for the duration. The road re-opened Tuesday morning.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. The Ontario Fire Marshal was called in but will not be investigating. John St. was reopened Tuesday afternoon.

A trust fund has been set up for those affected by the fire at the Bradford branch of the TD Bank. Donations can be made to the 27 John Street East Fund, account number 2110 5222755. A second trust fund, at the Holland St. E. branch of the Royal Bank is also open. It is also titled 27 John Street East Fund, account number 00462 5014774.

Councillor Gary Baynes announced at Bradford West Gwillimbury town council Tuesday night that more than $3,000 in cash and gift cards had already been donated from residents and local businesses.

A Facebook group, "27 John Street Fire - Donation Information," has also been set up to organize donations for the families affected by the fire. For all available information on how to help out, including how and when to donate smaller items, such as clothing toiletries, join that group.

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Firefighters work from a tower unit to try and tame Monday's fire at 27 John St. E. in Bradford.

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Kindergarten class shares its wealth

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Students in the kindergarten class of Janice Whitehead and Kelly Nagy decided they wanted to Colour Others With Kindness just before Easter. The W.H. Day students, who have been learning about the importance of kindness, sharing, and helping each other out, held a jewelry sale last Thursday in their classroom for family members and siblings, raising money for the Bradford West Gwillimbury Community Fund. The jewelry, purses and other unique items, all made by the students in the class, sold out in just 35 minutes of shopping, raising $484.30.

Town to take over Tec-We-Gwill Hall

PATRICK BALES
QMI Agency

A local landmark will soon become property of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Ownership of the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall will be transfered to the town from the WI, who are no longer able to manage the financial burden associated with maintaining and operating the building.

Committee-of-the-whole approved the transfer during Tuesday's meeting of Bradford West Gwillimbury town council.

The building has a storied history. It was first erected as the Orange Lodge in Newton Robinson in 1935. It was the first Orange Lodge to receive a warrant in Simcoe County and the last to surrender it, a staff report from the town said.

Two members of the public spoke in open forum at the beginning of Tuesday's town council meeting about the importance of the hall.

"We take pride in the work we've done in the hall," said Donna Jebb, a member of the WI and councillor in the Town of New Tecumseth. "To this date we work... to keep it available to the community. We really take pride in working in the community."

The hall has also been the home of the Tec-We Gwill Historical Society for the past 25 years.

"We appreciate that hall so much," said historical society member June Chambers. "It's not too big and yet it's not too small either. It just seems to be the right size."

Not only is the WI hall Goldilocks-esque, but it is also a great, old building, Chambers added.

"There's a wonderful ambiance," she said. "(There's) the light from the windows in the daytime and at night you have the warmth from the walls."

The idea for the town to take over the hall came from former councillor Ron Simpson more than a year ago, said Mike O'Hare, manager of parks and property.

"Ron was very keen to try to bring some... stability to the operation," O'Hare said. However, he added, "the Women's Institute had done a wonderful job over the years managing the hall, maintaing the hall," and it was that organization that brought the opporunity to take over the hall's ownership to the town.

The building has been inspected by the town's building and fire departments, as well as the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit; all three inspections determined the building is in excellent condition, O'Hare confirmed before committee.

While this was not planned for in the 2015 budget, O'Hare is confident the hall will not be a burden.

"Economically, it won't be a strain on our budgets," he said. "This year, we feel we can manage it.... There are probably only about six months of expenses toward the town."

A service agreement will be put together for the hall in the coming weeks that would see the WI as the "prime tenants" of the hall, O'Hare said, comparing the situation to that of the seniors at the Danube Hall.

Councillor Raj Sandhu inquired about the revenue the hall could bring in annually to offset an annual operating budget of approximately $18,000.

O'Hare anticipates up to $3,000 in revenue could be generated, but added owning the hall is less about the money and more about how it supports the community.

Mayor Roh Keffer and councillor Ron Orr sat out the discussion and the vote on the matter due to their respective mothers both being members of the Tec-We-Gwill WI.

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CORRECTION

In the April 2 edition of The Bradford Times, the new address for Dolce Decor was incorrectly identified. Dolce Decor is located at 113 Holland St. W. in Bradford.

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Point of View

Ontario misses mark on grad rates, by year

With spring commencements on the horizon, Canada's most populous province has reason to applaud: Ontario's high school graduation rates are getting closer to the government's 85% goal.

What is not so comforting is that a full generation after it scrapped the last vestige of its old Grade 13, Ontario still measures a graduation rate both for the four-year high school system it has had since 1999, mirroring most of North America, and for a phantom five-year system it has not had since then.

In effect, kids are told to be out the door in four years by the same province that keeps the door open to them a fifth year even though, with its books under water, it can't afford that.

Further, a commission that paved the way for the four-year system found no evidence a fifth year confers superior achievement.

That's not the only the problem with the numbers.

Overall, 76% of teens graduate in four years, rising to 84% counting those who stay an extra year, mainly to get the credits they need to graduate or to repeat courses for better marks.

Given that the four-year rate is 20 percentage points higher than a decade ago, and the five-year rate 16 points to the better, that's dramatic progress.

But those numbers mask disturbing questions.

If one in four students isn't graduating in the expected four years, we need better understanding of why not.

If the same ratio didn't get out of elementary school on time, parents and taxpayers would revolt.

Four cycles of teenagers have come and gone since Ontario eliminated its fifth year of high school for academically-bound kids, falling in lockstep with a continent that most everywhere has long managed to educate its teens — even those bound for university, college and the skilled trades — in four years.

And, yet, in 2015, Canada's largest education system is benchmarking success against kids who don't graduate on time.

Worse, more than one-third of school boards have four-year graduation rates below the Ontario average, some, far below it.

The note going home this spring should say "still shows room for improvement."

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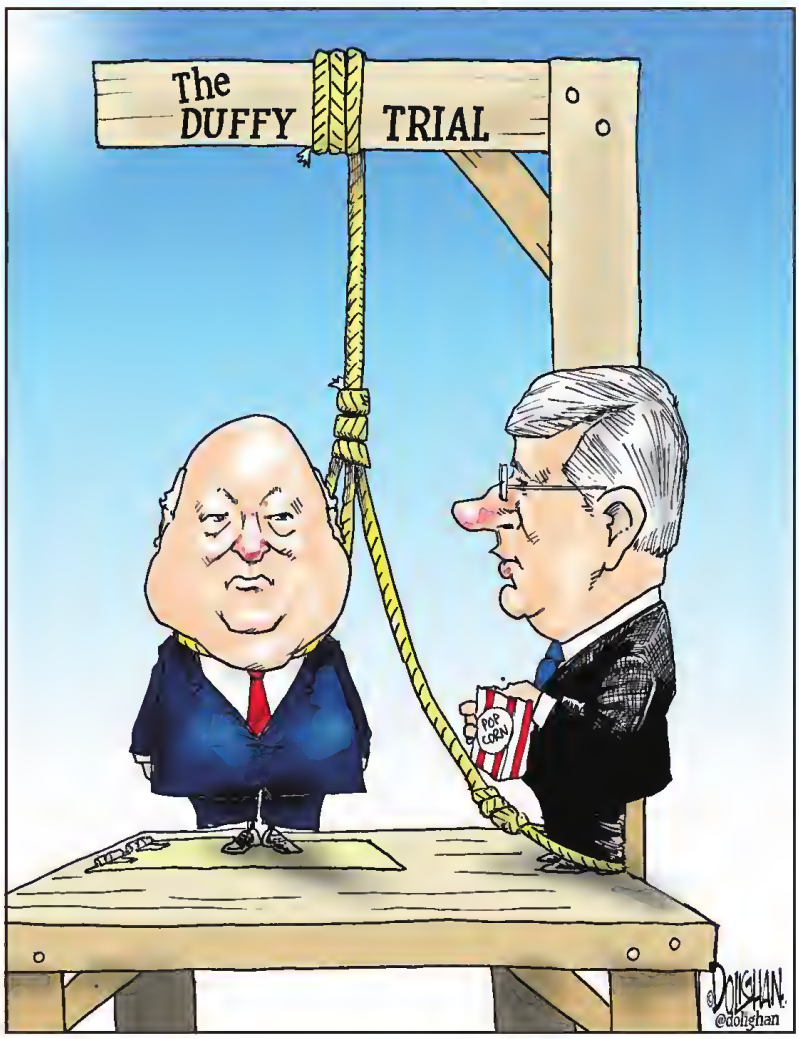

Letters to the Editor

Urgent need to fight poverty

How was your Easter?
Did you spend it with friends and family?

Was it a non-event, given that you do not observe Christian holidays; simply a long weekend to catch up on rest or errands?
Chances are, you did not go hungry.

Not so for over two billion people around the world.

We have an urgent need to fight extreme poverty and if you think you are powerless to help the situation, think again.

Since 1990, the number of people living in extreme poverty has been halved, thanks to some amazing grass roots organizations.

This month is 'Live Below the Line' month. Why not visit the website and see what thousands of people in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, the UK, USA and Colombia are doing to help raise funds and awareness.

You might be pleasantly surprised to find that you can easily be part of the solution.

Connie Lebeau
Victoria, BC

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Motorcycle crash on Hwy. 400

An OPP K-9 unit was brought in Friday morning after a motorcycle crash on Highway 400 near Bradford.

Provincial police observed the motorcycle travelling at a high rate of speed in the northbound lanes at approximately 11 a.m.

An officer attempted to pull it over by activating the cruiser's emergency lights but police say the motorcyclist refused to stop and fled at an extremely high rate of speed.

Due to potential risks to public safety, the officer did not engage in a pursuit.

As the motorcycle exited the northbound Highway 400 at Highway 88, the rider lost control of his motorcycle and crashed on the ramp.

The rider fled the scene on foot but was located a short distance away by officers with the help of the K-9 unit.

A 26-year-old Kitchener man was arrested and charged with dangerous driving, obstructing police, escape by flight, racing a motor vehicle and operating a vehicle without insurance.

He was taken into custody and held for a bail hearing.

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An OPP K-9 unit was brought in Friday after a motorcycle crash in Bradford. A motorcyclist lost control at the northbound off-ramp at Highway 400, to Highway 88, in Bradford and took off. The OPP tracked the man to a nearby Husky Gas Bar and took him into custody.

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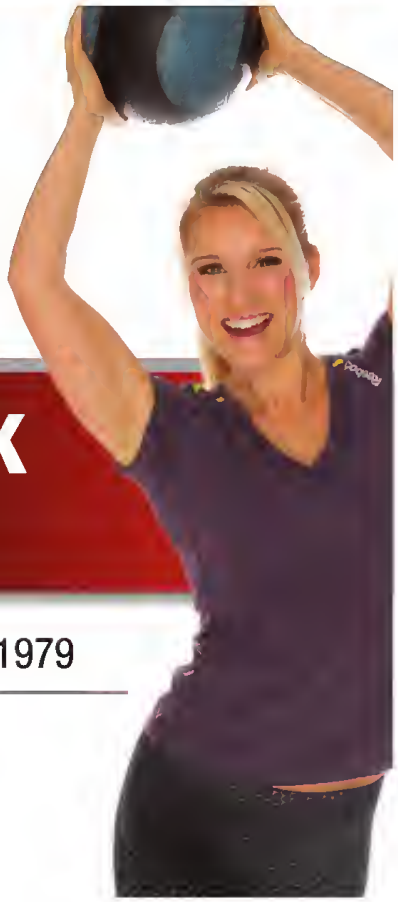

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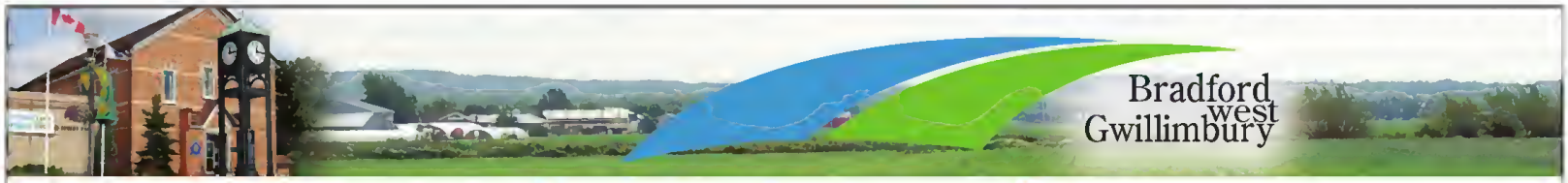

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com.

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole –
Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.
- Tues. April 21 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

Special Meeting of Council - Closed Meeting
- Tues. April 14 @ 2:00 p.m. – Finance Training, 305 Barrie St., Engineering Boardroom

UPCOMING BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Active Transportation/Recreation Committee
- Wed. April 15 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Multipurpose Rm., 425 Holland St. W

Library Board
- Mon. April 20 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W

Police Services Board
- Mon. April 20 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm., 425 Holland St. W

NOTICE

Have Your Say!

Residents invited to meet in person with Town Council members

Residents of BWG are invited to meet with your Town Council representatives to discuss issues, raise concerns and learn more about Council's plans and priorities. These informal Community Access Network (CAN) meetings will be held by ward and attended by your ward Councillor as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, so that you can exchange ideas and ask questions relating to your own neighbourhood as well as the entire Town.

You do not need to register, simply drop in.

Ward 2 – Saturday, April 18, 2015
Multi-Purpose Room, BWG Leisure Centre
471 West Park Ave
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Ward 3 – Saturday, May 30, 2015
Danube Seniors Leisure Centre
715 Simcoe Road
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The remaining ward meeting dates will be announced shortly. Information on upcoming CAN meetings will be published here on the Town Page as well as at **www.TownofBWG.com** and **www.facebook.com/TownofBWG.**

For more information, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366 or **admin@townofbwg.com.**

NOTICES

Town Wide Spring Flushing

Residents are advised that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Water Division will be starting their town wide annual program of flushing water hydrants. Water will be run at every hydrant to ensure a clean and fresh water supply for our municipal water customers.

This program will run from April 7 to May 29, 2015. The flushing will take place during the day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

We hope to undertake the work on an area-by-area basis, but as the work may affect adjacent areas, we ask all customers to be patient during this time.

Should you experience discoloured water, please flush your system in the laundry tub and bath room for up to 10 minutes.
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Ontario is taking another step to keep families and homes in Ontario safe by making carbon monoxide alarms mandatory in all residential homes. The new regulation, which came into effect October 15, 2014, updates Ontario's Fire Code following the passage of Bill 77 last year.

More than 50 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning in Canada, including 11 on average in Ontario. In an attempt to reduce this statistic, carbon monoxide detectors will now be required near all sleeping areas in residential homes and in the service rooms, and adjacent sleeping areas in multi-residential units. Carbon monoxide alarms can be hardwired, battery-operated or plugged into the wall.

Compliance with the legislation will be phased-in:
- Single-family homeowners and property owners/tenants in buildings that contain no more than 6 suites (i.e. two-unit residential and other small apartment buildings) will have a period of six months to comply (April 15, 2015).
- Residential occupancy owners of buildings with more than 6 suites have 12 months to comply (October 15, 2015).
- CO alarms that have already been installed must be maintained in accordance with the Fire Code effective October 15, 2014.

For more information contact the Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire Department at (905) 775-7311, extension 4103.

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Community in Pictures

Battling the blaze

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Flames shoot out of the west side of 27 John St. E. in Bradford, Monday, April 6, 2015, during a fire which ripped through the century-old structure, now a seven-unit apartment building.

PATRICK BALES/QMI AGENCY

Water is poured onto hotspots as firefighters fought a blaze at 27 John St. E. in Bradford, Monday, April 6.

PATRICK BALES/QMI AGENCY

Bradford West Gwillimbury firefighters pour water on flames shooting from the roof of 27 John St. E in Bradford.

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Firefighters fought the blaze at 27 John St. E. in Bradford Monday, through a variety of different methods, including from the air and on the roof itself, before it eventually collapsed. No emergency personnel were injured in the fire.

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Residents get first look at Henderson Park

PATRICK BALES
QMI Agency

Bradford West Gwillimbury residents got their first look at what Henderson Memorial Park will look like last week.

The town held an open house March 30 for the public to view detailed design drawings of the park's first phase. While the evening focused on the construction in the immediate future, tentative plans for the completed park were shown as well.

The 97-acre property on the 9th Line at the 10th Sideroad was donated to the town by Cyril and Phyllis Henderson in 2009 for active and passive recreation. For a number of years, the property has been utilized by the town's parks department for operations.

"Some of the terms of the donation was to make it active parkland," said Terry Foran, acting director of leisure services for the town. "(In Phase 1) we're focusing on our first phase of development, which would incorporate... two functioning soccer pitches, fully irrigated, all of our lead ways in and out, (and) some walking trails,"

Planning for the park has been ongoing since 2013, with lots of input from the public, Foran said.

"We've had lots of public meetings about conceptual designs," he added. "We went through the conceptual design phase and now we're in the actual design phase (based on) what the recommendations were from the public and everybody's input."

The entire development of the park is projected to take up to 20 years to complete at a cost of approximately $12.45 million. Phase 1 is estimated to cost more than $3.255 million, with a completion date in the 2017-18 range.

"It's a major investment, but it's a multi, multi-year project as well," Forhan said. "There's still lots of studies to take place. We would like to see some earth work start maybe late fall, if things play out."

Funding for the project is coming through development charges.

When considering the entire municipality of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Henderson Memorial Park is in a central location, being "an easy drive" for the town's urban and rural residents, said Mike O'Hare, manager of parks and property.

While most of the users of the park would be arriving there by vehicle, Foran is hopeful that a link to the town's trail system can be put in place.

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Mike O'Hare, right, Bradford West Gwillimbury's manager of parks and property, walks Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer through an open house on Henderson Memorial Park, while acting director of leisure services Terry Foran looks on. The open house took place March 30 at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre.

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Lions Club honours top speakers

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The Bradford Lions Club honoured the best young orators in the town at a dinner Monday, April 6. Lion Debbie Jeske, left, and Lion Hank Vanderpost are seen with the Lions Club's Top 3 performers in the 2015 Effective Speaking Competition. From left to right: Annie Roberts took second for her speech on the "Seven Ways to Annoy a Telemarketer;" Jamie White won first place with her speech on "Public Speaking;" and Danica Laurel placed third, speaking about "Emotions." Annie and Jaime are moving on to speak at the Lions Convention April 25.

Spreading Easter cheer

PATRICK BALES/QMI AGENCY

The week before Easter Holland St. in Bradford became a little more colourful thanks to the organization of Zelma Fuller and Darlene Baybrook. The two women designed the Easter baskets seen outside many downtown businesses on Holland Street, which served as a sign to many that winter was over and spring was finally here. The two women would not have been able to put the baskets up without the help of several local businesses and members of Bradford West Gwillimbury council, who provided financial support. They wish to thank the following: town councillors Gary Baynes, Peter Dykie Jr. and Peter Ferragine, Braydex Industrial Services, Carvas Hair Studio, Coffee Culture, Evans and Evans, Steve Dykie (Village Inn), The Trophy Case, L&D Ferragine, Royal Bank, Bradford Heating and Air Conditioning, Denise Gasko and Dutch Treats.

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THURS., APRIL 9

SENIORS HEALTH SEMINAR: Gwen Cottingham, RHN CPP, presents Simply for Life - Digestion Woes: How it works, Good fats and Bad fats. April 9 from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch. $6 for members, $7 for non-members. At the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Road, Bradford. 905-775-0612.

FIDDLE DANCE: Thornton Olde Tyme Fiddle Dance, at the Thornton Arena (upstairs banquet hall), Highway 27, April 9 at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

CARDS AND GAMES NIGHT: At the Trinity Anglican Church, Bradford. An evening of fun and fellowship! Various games to choose from. Beginning at 7 p.m.

MESSY CHURCH: Messy Church at St James United, Stroud- A Family Night of Fun, beginning at 6:30pm.... Who ever heard of Messy Church? Come and find out what it's all about.

CARD PARTY: Innisfil Eastern Star will host a Card Party at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 2156 Victoria Street, Stroud. Games will include Bid Euchre and Progressive Euchre. There will be cash prizes and a lunch served. The cost of the evening is $7.00. For information or tickets call 705-735-6131. Innisfil Eastern Star will be hosting additional Card Parties including Friday May 1, and Friday June 5.

SAT. APRIL 11

GRIEF AND LOSS: April 11 at 10 a.m. at Grief and Loss Support and Workshop takes place at RNS Wellness Centre, 487 Holland St. W. in Bradford. For more information call 647-234-9351.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: Simcoe County Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society meets at 2 p.m. April 11, in the Community Room in the Upper Level of the Loblaws store, 472 Bayfield St., Barrie. The topic is Holdings at the Simcoe County Archives. Presenter is Ellen Millar of the Simcoe County Archives. Please note alternative date and location. Further information can be obtained from the OGS website: simcoebogs.com

BARRIE GARDEN CLUB: The club will meet at Tangle Creek Golf Club from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Three speakers will be on hand, and the meeting will include a coffee break, silent auction and vendors. Register now by visiting www.barriegardenclub.com.

BAKE SALE: A bake sale will be held at Bowlerama Barrie in Bayfield Mall to benefit Youth 10 Pin Bowling League. It will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Sue at 705-722-3061, or Tom at 705-739-2269.

BARRIE CONCERTS: The series continues with Nurhan Arman conducting Sinfonia Toronto, featuring 14-year-old violin sensation Elisso Gogibedashwili from Austria. The works of Mozart, Wieniavsky, Ravel, and Tchaikovsky will be highlights. The concert stats at 7:30 p.m. at Hi-Way Pentecostal Church, 50 Anne St. N. Free with purchase of a new subscription for 2015-16 season, or $85. For information, call 705-726-1181.

SUN., APRIL 12

EAST END MEETING: The Barrie East End Household Association will meet from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Grace United Church (corner of Grove and Cook streets). This bi-annual meeting will give residents the chance to ask Ward 1 Coun. Bonnie Ainsworth questions, plus other city staff. For information, visit www.beeha.ca.

MON., APRIL 13

HORTICULTURE: On April 13, the Gilford & District Horticulture Society meets at the Churchill Community Centre in Churchill, Innisfil, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Laura Mills will talk about Photography in the Garden. Refreshments available. All welcome.

BAYTOWNE BIG BAND: The band will perform at the Army, Navy & Air Force Club from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Food served until 9 p.m. The club is located at 7 George St. in Barrie.

STROKE RECOVERY: Barrie Stroke Recovery Association meets every Monday from 10:30 a.m. at 40 Bell Farm Rd., Unit 13, for speech therapy. For more info, call 705-737-9202 All stroke survivors and caregivers welcome.

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Closed portion of Bathurst St. to finally reopen in 2016

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These Road Closed and No Exit signs on Bathurst Street will soon be obsolete. Reconstruction of the long-closed portion of Bathurst between Bradford and Newmarket will begin later this month.

PATRICK BALES
QMI Agency

A long-closed north-south alternate route between Bradford and Newmarket is about to be re-built.

Since 1995, Bathurst St. has been closed in King and East Gwillimbury between Morning Sideroad and Graham Sideroad for safety concerns. Before that, it was only closed during the winter, providing a much more scenic, if not at times treacherous, trip for locals heading into Newmarket.

In 2011, York Region hoped to begin reconstruction of the road, by re-grading it and bringing it up to contemporary standards. "We intended it to be a continuous project from Green Lane to Holland Landing," said Cynthia Martin, project manager with York Region.

However, those plans hit a roadblock when historical artifacts were discovered north of Morning Sideroad. The remnants of a Huron-Wendat village was unearthed under the Bathurst roadbed, putting a halt to further work until a Stage 4 archaeological assessment and full excavation was complete.

In fall 2011, Archaeological Services Inc. recovered artifacts appearing to be related to a small to medium-sized 14th century ancestral Huron settlement. At this time it was believed to be an ancestral Huron-Wendat site from the middle Iroquoian period circa 1300 to 1400 A.D.

The archaeological site measured 120 m by 60 m. Among the findings was a 51 m by 6.5 m longhouse.

The region split the work on Batburst into two stages. The work in the north end could go on as planned, which included the intersection changes at Bathurst and Highway 11 and Holland Landing Road. That project will be finished later this spring when final asphalt paving and pavement markings will be undertaken. As well, Bathurst has been widened north from Graham Sideroad, with just under 1.5 km of new road already paved, and approximately 250 m of new grading.

Work from Green Lane to north of Morning Sideroad was not anticipated to begin until 2016, however "the archaeological investigation went smoother than anticipated," Martin said.

The work is now anticipated to be finished by the end of 2016.

Work on Bathurst will include improving the slope of the road, the addition of a truck climbing lane, allowing for slower traffic to climb uphill without impeding other vehicles and replacing the old bridge and culverts with wildlife crossing structures, allowing animals to cross safely.

The project will also see new trees planted to replace those removed during construction and improvements to the intersection of Bathurst and Morning Sideroad. The Bathurst St./Green Lane W. Intersection will also be resurfaced.

Expect Bathurst St. to be closed north of Green Lane to Morning Sideroad beginning in June. It is expected to reopen in December.

Bathurst St. should be a continous road, from Queen's Quey in Toronto to north of River Drive Park, for the first time in more than two decades, by Dec. 2016.

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In brief

Guest speaker at Bradford United Church

On April 19 during the regular 10 a.m. church service at Bradford United Church (66 Barrie Street), Rev. Linda Levin will be sharing a power point presentation with the congregation about the charity she founded here in Canada in 2011 - Village of Love.

Kijiji Cha Upendo (Village of Love) is a grassroots, family-based orphan care project in the slum community of Kibera, Kenya. Village of Love was founded in Kenya a few years prior to the Canadian affiliate. When Levin retired from Runnymede United Church after being the minister with this congregation for 29 years, she wanted to achieve something useful in her retirement, and Village of Love Canada came to be.

During coffee hour everyone will have the opportunity to visit with her further, giving parishoners a chance to learn more about her ongoing work for Village of Love.

All are welcome to attend.

Taking it to the limit at CrossFit Bradford

PATRICK BALES
QMI Agency

Imagine a workout program that combines gymnastics, aerobic exercise and Olympic-style weight lifting. Then, imagine that this workout program will often push you to the very physical limits your body can handle.

The sheer thought of such a program would send many of us cowering back to our couches, remote control in one hand, doughnut in other, wondering why anyone would do that to him or herself.

Yet more and more people are finding themselves belonging to CrossFit gyms across the country, including CrossFit Bradford, which has been open for about four years.

CrossFit is a strength and conditioning program featuring varied functional movements executed at high intensity, designed to improve the physical fitness of the athletes taking part. There are no "leg days" or "ab days" with CrossFit; rather a multifaceted workout, utilizing multiple muscle groups is undertaken each day.

A typical workout is approximately an hour. During that class at the gym, participants will warm up, work on a skill, stretch and take part in the workout of the day, which is posted online and utilized in all CrossFit gyms across the world.

CrossFit is more than a workout regimen; it is also an athletic competition. The CrossFit Games take place annually and are broadcast on cable television across North America. Qualifying for the games begins in the local gyms, just like Crossfit Bradford.

For five weeks in February and March, CrossFit participants took part in a series of events to qualify themselves for the CrossFit Games. During that time, at 8 p.m. eastern standard time every Thursday, that week's mystery workout was released live on the official CrossFit website and on YouTube. Each person participating had until 8 p.m. eastern the following Monday night to complete it at a CrossFit affiliate gym or have their private workout videotaped and submitted online.

Week 5 was released March 26. The workout was described as follows:

"This workout begins seated on the rower with the monitor set to zero calories. At the call of '3-2-1 ... go,' the athlete will grab the handle and begin rowing. Once you have rowed 27 calories you will move to the barbell for 27 thrusters, then back to the rower for the round of 21, and so forth. Each time you return to the rower you or your judge must reset the monitor to zero before rowing."

A thruster is is a combination move of a front squat and a push press. You begin in a squat position with a barbell (weighing 95 pounds in this instance) at your chest. You then lift up from the squat and push the barbell completely over your head.

This workout was done in four reps of 27, 21, 15 and nine.

Kyle and Nora Beatty, who are co-owners of CrossFit Bradford with Adam Wade, say there are plenty of reasons why so many people have chosen CrossFit and found great success with its programs in recent years (a penchant for sadomasochism may be one of those reasons, Kyle jokingly admitted).

"For a lot of people, they just want to see if they can do it," Kyle said. "Another thing is, a lot of people want to gauge it, for their skill level, compared to everyone else who's doing it or compared to last year."

"There are people out there who don't exercise except in a community," added Nora, who has been an employee of CrossFit Bradford since it opened. "This, especially during the open, really highlights that sense of community in the CrossFit world."

The growing numbers of people who are finding success with CrossFit will tell you it's the best workout they've ever done. Not only have they formed a supportive community among themselves, they have also found ways to support the community as a whole.

Many people, in this area in particular, may have seen their friends checking in at CrossFit Bradford on Facebook with the status "Checking in for charity." What that post is doing is donating money to worthy causes in the surrounding area and throughout the province via an organization called Sweat Angels.

"Every time you check in through Facebook, (a sum) of money goes to a particular charity each month," Nora explained. "I encourage our members to check in whenever they're going to be here. The money goes to charities such as Barbells for Boobs. There's a different (charity) each month."

For more information on CrossFit Bradford, visit crossfitbradford.com.

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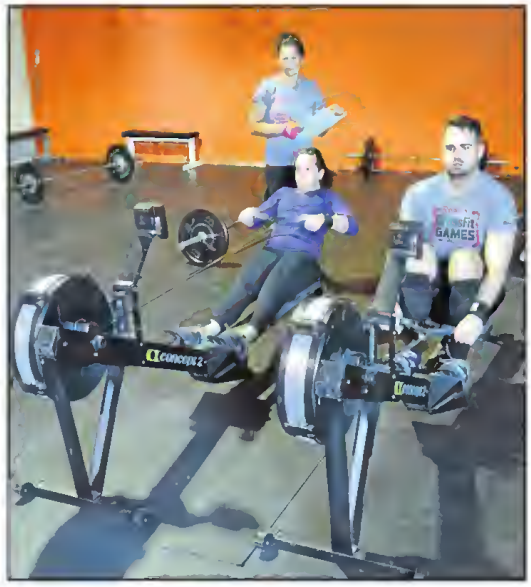

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Members of CrossFit Bradford are seen taking part in the final workout in this year's CrossFit Open. Over five weeks, five different workouts are attempted by crossfitters, with the best scores in each region receiving a chance to participate in the CrossFit Games. John Miorin, right, and Andrea Perone are seen doing a rowing component of this week's workout, Saturday, March 28, while judge Tami Sturgeon observes.

Sports Briefs

Tourney to raise money for bleachers

An upcoming golf tournament will help provide Bradford District High School with something it's needed for a long time.

The PC Rob Enwright Good Deeds Golf Tournament takes place May 30 at Innisbrook Golf Club.

The tourney costs $125 per person, however foursomes are encouraged to register together.

The proceeds from the tournament will be donated to BDHS for bleachers in the sports field.

For more information on the tournament, advertising opportunities or to provide prizes, contact Anthony Melidy at 905-778-0063.

U17 Girls on top

A local soccer team is putting Bradford on the map.

After attending many showcases and tournaments in the United States, the Bradford Soccer Club U17 Girls team is ranked the top Canadian team participating in competitions in the U.S.

From this team there are five girls who have already committed to universities in the U.S. on scholarships and 10 more deciding which university is the best fit for them.

Atoms end year on high note

Congratulations to the Bradford Bulldogs Atom A team, sponsored by Don Cherry's Sports Grill, for their success in the Toronto Avalanche A tournament recently.

They were undefeated in the four-game round robin and the final game against Grimsby was decided by a shootout after five minutes of overtime.

It was a spectacular end of the season for players, coaches and parents.

The team started off with two games on March 27, defeating the Toronto Eagles 5-1 and Halton Hills 3-2. Tanner Hueglin found the back of the net three times on the 27th, while Anthony Nascimento and Evan Drummond each scored twice. Darcy Mott also scored, while Hueglin, Nascimento, Christian Campoli and Nathan Paré added assists. On March 28, the Bulldogs took out the North York Knights 2-1 and Newmarket 4-1 to complete the round robin sweep.

Nascimento potted another two goals in the second two games, joining Paré (2), Evan Drummon and Hueglin on the score sheet for the 28th. Nascimento (2), Matthew Boughner, Evan Drummond, Isaiah Drummond and Luis Faria each had assists.

The final game of the tournament was played March 29, with Bradford falling to Grimsby 4-3 in the shootout.

Evan Drummond and Hueglin each scored and assisted on each others goal during the final game. Paré also scored, with Isaiah Drummond getting an assist.

Goaltender Matthew Amaral was outstanding in all five games.

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Community in Pictures

Hunting for eggs

PHOTOS BY PATRICK BALES/QMI AGENCY

For approximately two decades, area youngsters have been heading out on Good Friday bright and early to take part in the Bradford Greenhouse Garden Gallery Easter Egg Hunt, looking to score their share of the thousands upon thousands of eggs hidden throughout the grounds. This year was no different, as the first person in line was there 50 minutes before the doors opened, beginning a queue that would stretch down to the end of the Greenhouse's parking lot and continue to grow during the 9 a.m. hour. By 9:30, cars were parked along Simcoe County Rd. 4 from the 10th Line to the 12th.

Moirae Morel holds up an egg she found.

Jacob Geertsema was all smiles while showing off his haul.

From left to right Avery Coulton, Madison Balon, Mya Balon and Kaden Coulton were at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery Friday looking to stock up on Easter goodies.

Abigal Gail grabs an Easter Egg, filling up her basket.

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South Simcoe police seize drugs worth more than $700,000 in bust

PATRICK BALES
QMI Agency

Four people have been charged and police are searching for two more following a drug bust near Lefroy, last Wednesday afternoon.

South Simcoe Police detectives executed a search warrant at 1688 Killarney Beach Rd., near the intersection of the 20th Sideroad in Innisfil. Police uncovered what they describe as a "sophisticated marijuana growing operation" inside the residence.

Police recovered 75 kg of dried marijuana and 37 growing marijuana plants in the residence, with an estimated street value of more than $700,000.

"It's the most dried (marijuana) we've seen in a long time," said Const. Rich Williamson of the South Simcoe police. "I think it should be a substantial hit to marijuana across the province. $700,000 worth of product - it's not the biggest haul ever, but it's a substantial one."

The plants, product and equipment for growing the marijuana were seized by police, who remained on site at the residence last Thursday morning. As well, more than $6,000 in cash, a vial of hasb oil and six grams of cocaine were also seized by police. Those drugs, police believe, were for personal use.

When the raid occurred, police say the four men arrested were caught in the process of harvesting and processing the marijuana, with Williamson adding the men were surprised by police.

Williamson was not able to provide further information on how this grow-op got on police's radar.

"I can't go into the details of how our officers got the information but they were able to obtain a search warrant from a Justice of the Peace," Williamson said. "They had sufficient information as to what was going on. They obviously would have done observations of the residence, etc. Armed with that information, they got the search warrant and were able to do the raid yesterday."

The newer home, located within a kilometre of Killarney Beach Public School, was occupied with residents while operating as a grow-op. It wasn't dilapidated, abandoned or undergoing major renovation – there was a complex hydro system and nearly all of the house was utilized - but Williamson said it was headed in that direction.

"There were people living in the house at the time; the ringleaders were living there and one of the accused. The grow-op was in the basement," Williamson said. "One of the major problems with marijuana grows is that there is so much moisture and humidity that often a lot of black mould (forms). A marijuana grow operation will destroy the house eventually."

Three men from the City of Toronto, two 40-year-olds and a 51-year-old, and a 69-year-old Innisfil man have been charged with cultivation, possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a controlled substance. They have all been released from custody.

On April 3, a 41-year-old Innisfil man was arrested and charged with drug cultivation, drug possession for the purpose of trafficking and drug possession – along with possession of hash and cocaine

Police determined that a female living at the residence was not directly involved. She was neither arrested nor charged.

None of the accused are known to South Simcoe police, Williamson said, but would not speculate as to if they have any prior criminal history.

The marijuana was expected to be destroyed by the end of the weekend.

PATRICK BALES/QMI AGENCY

A lone marked South Simcoe Police Cruiser remained at the scene Thursday, April 2 of a significant drug bust on Killarney Beach Road near Lefroy. More than $700,000 worth of marijuana was removed from the grow-op.

PATRICK BALES/QMI AGENCY

A drug bust near the Hamlet of Lefroy, in the Town of Innisfil, netted 75kg of dried marijuana and 37 growing marijuana plants. Police displayed the illegal substances at South Simcoe Police Service's Bradford detachment on Thursday, April 2.

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Cutathon sharpens shears for 15th year

MAIJA PETERS
Special to the Bradford Times

For the past 14 years, Mary Ingoglia has been hosting the annual Vita and Stephanie's Cutathon at her local salon, Mary and Vita's Hair Design.

Stephanie, Ingoglia's granddaughter, was in need of a speech therapist after receiving her hearing implants. The only issue with this was that there was no speech therapist anywhere nearby. This is what gave Mary the idea to start the cutathon.

Sadly, in mid-December of that year Stephanie and her mother, Vita, got into a tragic car accident. A year later, Ignoglia's niece came up with the thought to actually start the cutathon to raise money for the Sick Kids Cochlear Implant Unit.

Over the many years that this implant has been available there have been many changes. The device was very difficult to implant and quite costly meaning only one ear was implanted if any at all. Now, not only are the implants smaller but they are also being implanted in both ears.

Sick Kids is the largest centre for pediatric cochlear implants in North America. Doctors there started their research in 1996 performing eight implants that year. Since then, they have done more than 1,000 implants, achieving 120 per year.

With this being Ignoglia's 15th year doing the fundraiser she is more than pleased to say that the cutathon has raised more than $400,000 for Sick Kids. This is all thanks to the community for their donations, Ignoglia said, and for buying items at a barbecue and bake sale, as well as tickets for the promotional draw. The top prize this year is a 32 Gigabyte Apple iPad. Second prize is a 42" LCD HD TV and third prize is an accommodation stay at Pawley's Island, South Carolina.

MAIJA PETERS/SPECIAL TO THE BRADFORD TIMES

Mary Ingoglia stands behind the counter at Mary and Vita's Hair Design. Her salon will be hosting the 15th annual Vita and Stephanie's Cutathon on May 3.

Drop by Mary and Vita's Hair Design at 118 Holland St. East on May 3 for the 2015 Vita and Stephanie's Cutathon and don't forget to buy a ticket for the Vita and Stephanie Cut-Athon's Appreciation Raffle.

For more information, or to make a donation, call 905-775-8775.

Maija Peters is a co-op student with the Bradford Times.

Lots of laughs to be had at Bradford Community Church

Get ready to laugh as Saturday will be a hilarious night of fun and fundraising at Bradford Community Church (BCC), 2465 Ninth Line in Bradford. Two comedians, one a veteran and one a Barrie radio personality will come together to put on a show to make you laugh and feel good about helping Ignite Youth send some local young people to Overflow, a big youth conference in Waterloo May 15 to 17.

Each year thousands of youth attend Overflow, an annual event for students ages 12 to 24. The event exists to impact young people with the powerful message of Jesus Christ through music, biblical communication and the arts, all of which are integral to Christian worship. Special musical guests will be local rockers, Anthem For Today and Matt Tapley, lead pastor of Lakemount Worship Centre in Grimsby. Musicians and guest speakers will encourage and inspire young people to reach their full potential with everything that is in them.

Ignite Youth, a program of BCC, gathers young people together on Friday evenings for social and discussion nights under the leadership of youth pastor Jonathan Macleod. "We care about this generation's youth and want to invest in them to help them succeed, not only during those difficult junior and senior high years, but in life generally," Macleod said in a news release. "This year we want to take as many students as possible with us to this huge, often life-changing event so we are running this fundraiser to help lower the cost and enable more to come along."

The fundraiser comedy night will feature two performances and include improv with audience participation and youth oriented music! Making the audience laugh will be Todd Gale, morning radio personality on LIFE 100.3, and Wil Twynstra, a 10-year veteran of the comedy scene.

Tickets are $15 each or two for $25 by calling ahead to make sure they are set aside for you.

There may be some tickets at the door but there are a limited number of seats so purchasing ahead is suggested. Call MacLeod at 705-241-7322.

The door prize for the evening will be two tickets to see hip hop artist Lecrea in Toronto on April 25. Refreshments will be available.

Notice of Change of By-Laws

Newton Robinson United Church Cemetery

Newton Robinson Cemetery has submitted by-laws to the Registrar under the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act 2002. Any interested parties may contact Peter Ellis at 705-458-4852 or by email at peterellis1000@gmail.com

Information, by-laws or amendments will be available on request. These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act 2002. Telephone: Cemetery Regulation Unit 416-326-8393.

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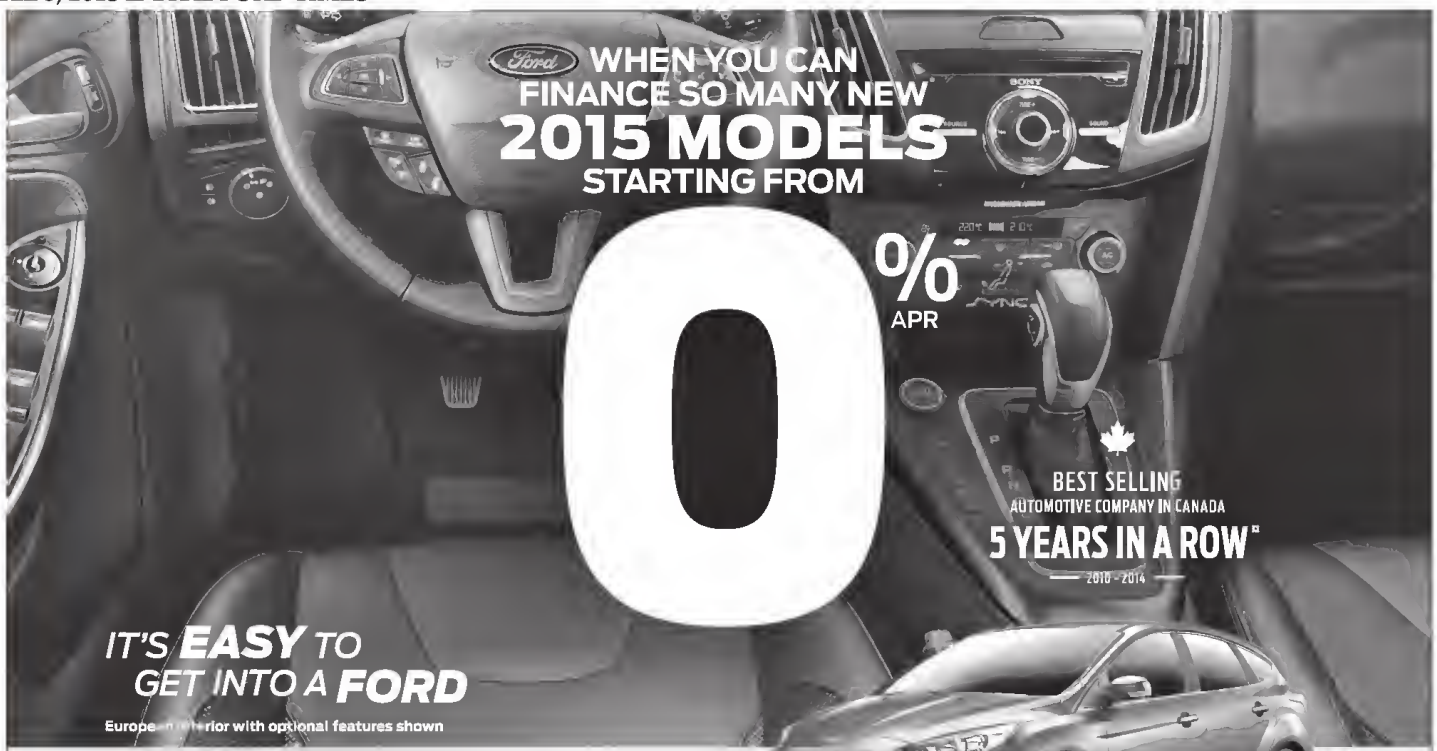

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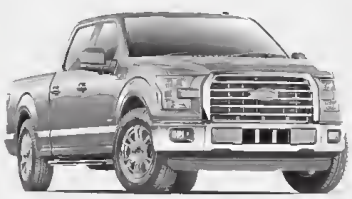

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Peacefully, at Villa Forum in Mississauga, on Friday, April 3, 2015, at the age of 86. Beloved wife of the late Vincenzo Aquila. Loving mother of Ed Aquila (Andrea) and Nina Barroso (John). Proud Nonna of Stacey (Remo), Janine, Sarah, Angela, Jessica, Vanessa and Jonathan. Dear Nonnina of Carlos and Selena. Much loved sister of Nunziatina (Giuseppe) and predeceased by her brothers Bonifacio end Sendrino. Friends called et the Turner & Porter "Peel" Chapel, 2180 Hurontario St., Mississauga on Tuesday. Funeral Mass was held at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 2340 Hurontario St., Mississauga on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 11 a.m. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. For those who wish, memorial donations to Villa Forum or to ALS Canada would be appreciated. On-line condolences may be made through www.turnerporter.ca

LEONARDO, Maria - Peacefully passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Thursday, April 2, 2015. Maria Leonardo of Bradford and formerly of Toronto at 84 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Antonio Leonardo. Loving mother of Tony (Rosanne) Leonardo, Maria Leonardo, Fernanda (Angelo) Fragoso and John (Yazmin) Leonardo. Proud Avo of Adam (Bridget), Marc (Kristen), Toni-Anne; Michael, Andre; Jessie (Kevin), Diane (Jonathan), Angie, Glen, Dylan; Melissa and Kristina. Dear Great Avo of Alexander, Adrianna and Hunter. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for visitation. Funeral Mass was held at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, Bradford on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 11 a.m. Interment Holy Martyrs Cemetery, Bradford. In Maria's memory, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society.

PARTRIDGE, Doris Irene – with deep sadness we ennounce that Doris passed awey peacefully with her family beside her at the IOOF Seniors Home, Barrie on Monday March 30th, 2015.† Doris (Coffey) Partridge formerly of Schomberg was in her 88th year.† Devoted wife of the late Dennis Partridge.† Dear mother of David (Jing), Bob (Barb) and Derek (DeeDee).† Cherished grandmother of Jessica (Chris), Adam (Kerry), Chris (Angie), Jamie and Steven.† Great grandmother of Rylee and Ryan.† Survived by brothers Don (Gloria), Richard (Marg) and sister Ruth (Bill).† Friends called at St. Margaret of Scotland Anglicen Church, 161 Hanmer Street, West, Barrie on Wednesday April 8th, 2015 with the funeral service being held at 1:00 p.m.† Spring Interment at St. John's Anglican Cemetery, New Tecumseth . In accordance to Doris's wishes† in lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church, Barrie.† (Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Paul F. Kent Funeral Home, Cookstown †705-458-4402)

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About to hit the big five-oh, a very reluctant birthday girl meets some remarkable women who show her all about fun, friendship and the importance of setting aside those things that simply don't matter anymore. It's an evening for everyone who is at least 50, knows anyone who is 50 or who is looking forward to being 50.

A number of our accomplished ensemble of performers hail from Barrie: Jenn Burns, Sandy Bishop, Betty Kelly, and Nancy Knapp have all graced the SST stage before, as has Marlo Alcock from Richmond Hill. Rounding out the cast, we are delighted to welcome newcomers Jenny Senior (also from Barrie) and Lynda Lewis who is from Orillia. Behind the scenes, we have a mix of new and returning talents as well: director Debbie Collins (from Beeton) and musical director Terry Therien (from Orillia) are SST first-timers lending their considerable expertise and guidance to the proceedings; they are being ably supported by veteran producers Bob Buckley (Midhurst) and Kathy Simpson (Innisfil) as well as stage manager Colleen Mazor from Bradford.

For those wishing to grab a bite before the show, several fine local eateries are offering a "patron perk" to anyone who makes a reservation and brings their show ticket or stub for that day's performance. The restaurants in Cookstown are The Bulldog Beanery (705-291-0123); The Cookstown Pub Co (705-291-2000) and Iron Horse Bar & Grill (705-458-2500), and, in Lefroy, Harbour House Grill (705-456-3663). Please contact them respectively for more information.

HATS! – The Musical runs Thursday to Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. from April 9 to the 26. Tickets are $23 and performances are at the town hall located at 1 Hamilton Street, in Cookstown. Contact the box office at (705) 458-4432 to purchase tickets.

Please note: the play features some mature content.

For more information about the theatre and our current season, please visit the website at: www.southsimcoetheatre.com.

Alcona's ideaLAB closing before new library opens

The Innisfil Public Library is on the move.

The ideaLAB will officially close April 22 at 9 p.m. A smooth transition to the new location at 967 Innisfil Beach Road will require a closure until May 7, at 9:30 a.m.

"In order to provide additional opportunities for engagement during the closure, the library will be increasing outreach sessions within the community, and holding more programs and drop-ins at our other branches," said Susan Downs, chief librarian/chief executive officer, in a news release.

Library customers are invited to visit the Innisfil Public Library in Stroud (7883 Yonge Street), Cookstown (20 Church Street) and Churchill (2282 4th Line) during the transition period. Customer holds can be picked up at the Stroud Branch, and items can be returned to the drop-box located at 967 Innisfil Beach Rd. during the closure.

"We are absolutely delighted that our transformed library within the heart of Alcona's urban core will soon open its doors to the public. It will truly be a community hub where individuals, organizations and businesses can connect - sharing in discovery, interaction, collaboration and education," Downs added.

The hours of operation as of May 7 will be:

Sunday/Monday: Closed

Tuesday – Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Jayne Asselstine, deputy chief librarian at 705-458-1273 ext. 106 or jasselstine@innisfil.library.on.ca.

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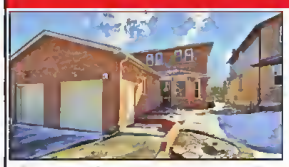

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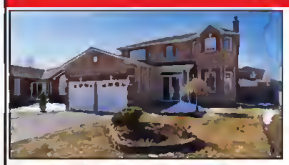

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